

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 2005. Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-38 are currently pending in this application, with claims 2, 9 and 24 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Claim objection

While not conceding the propriety of this objection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 39-54 have been canceled as requested by the Examiner.

The Office Action contends that claims 8 and 15 are drawn to a method. In response to this contention, claim 8 is drawn to *the information recording disc as claimed in Claim 4*, and claim 15 is drawn to *the information recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 11*.

Nevertheless, while not conceding the propriety of this objection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 8 and 15 have been amended.

Withdrawal of this objection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Double patenting rejection

While not conceding the propriety of this rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is provided in order to expedite issuance of this application.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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